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1. AGENDA ITEM 7, DEBATE RESUMED FEB 5 ON OPENING FOR SIGNATURE OF EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON MAIN INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC ARTERIES. SWEDISH DELEGATION PERSISTED WITH ARGUMENT THAT DRAFT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO ROAD TRANSPORT WORKING PARTY FOR EXAMINATION OF SERIES OF FORMAL AND TECHNICAL QUESTIONS. EXCEPT FOR TOHER SCANS, SWEDEN PROCEEDED WITHOUT WEST EUROPEAN SUPPORT. EAST EUROPEAN OBJECTIONS TO DRAFT LARGELY DISAPPEARED WHEN UK INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO DROP ARTICLE 6 (APPLICATION TO TERRITOREIS FOR WHOM INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SIGANTORY IS RESPONSIBLE) BECAUSE IT LACKED PRACTICAL MEANING IN THIS CASE. CHAIRMAN TOOK STEPS TO REDRAFT IN PLENARY (OR OTHERWISE HANDLE) A UNCLASSIFIED

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VARIETY OF TECHNICAL DIDDICULTIES. HE THEN CALLED

FOR VOTE. MINORITY IN OPPOSITION WERE FOUR SCAN DELEGATIONS, PLUS EAST GERMANS, WHO FOUND DRAFT TECHNICALLY INADEQUATE AND WANTED IT RETURNED TO WORKING PARTY FOR FURTHER REVISIONS THERE. ALL OTHER EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS VOTED TO OPEN ARGUMENT FOR SIGNATURE. US AND CANADA ABSTAINED.

2. DRAFT AGREEMENT ON MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIVING PERMITS (APC) WAS OPENED FOR SIGNATURE. ONLY SERIOUS ISSUE WAS TERRITORIAL CLAUSE. IN THIS CASE UK INSISTED CLAUSE WAS NEEDED TO COVER CHANNEL ISLANDS. SOVIET DELEGATE, NOTING IMPORTANCE OF AGREEMENT, ACCEPTED CLAUSE ON CONDITION HIS OBJECTION TO ARTICLE WOULD APPEAR IN REPORT.

3. ON QUESTION OF POSSIBLE THIRD PARTY LIABILITY CONVENTION COVERING HAZARDOUS CARGO, ALL PARTICIPATING DELEGATIONS FOUND IDEA EITHER EXCESSIVELY COMPLEX OR UNTIMELY. SUBJECT RETURNED TO WORKING PARTY FOR RE-EXAMINATION IN LIGHT MANY DIFFICULTIES FORSEEN.

4. AGENDA ITEM 8. REPORT OF INLAND WATER TRANSPORT WORKING PARTY APPROVED, INCLUDING RESOLUTIONS 14 AND 15, WITH LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION.

5. AGENDA ITEM 10. COMMITTEE APPROVED REPORTS AND ACTIONS OF GROUP OF EXPERTS ON CUSTOMS QUESTIONS AFFECTING TRANSPORT. NO ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE AROSE FOR US DEL. ISSUE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY VOICE IN ECE TOOK CONSIDERABLE TIME AND IS REPORTED SEPARATELY.

6. AGENDA ITEM 9. COMMITTEE REVIEWED MANDATE OF GRCT AS FOCAL POINT FOR ECE ON MULTIMODAL CONVENTION AND STANDARDS. UK AND US NOTED IMPORTANCE OF ISO IN DEVELOPING CONTAINER STANDARDS AND CHAIRMAN, WITHOUT OBJECTION, INCLUDED THIS IN DESCRIBING RENEWED MANDATE OF GRCT.

7. AGENDA ITEM 5(B). COMMITTEE GAVE RAPID SUPPORT TO PROPOSAL TO CO-SPONSOR 1976 SEMINAR ON IMPACT OF TRANSPORT IN SETTLEMENT PLANNING. CHAIRMAN, ON BEHALF OF COMMITTEE, UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPRESSED WARM GRATITUDE FOR US INITIATIVE TO HOST.

8. AGENDA ITEM 11. COMMITTEE NOTED FAVORABLY REPORT OF SECRETARIAT ON DEVELOPMENTS THIS AREA.

9. AGENDA ITEM 12. COMMITTEE APPROVED REPORT OF GROUP OF EXPERTS AND NOTED ECOSOC CONSIDERATION IN APRIL OF MULTIMODAL GLOBAL CONVENTION ON DANGEROUS GOODS. DECIDED IT PREMATURE

TO PLAN HOW ECE WOULD REACT TO ECOSOC DECISION ON LATTER
POINT.

10. AGENDA ITEM 13. ADOPTED RESOLUTION ON PACKAGING
AS SUBMITTED BY GROUP OF EXPERTS. US ABSTAINED.

11. AGENDA ITEM 14. COMMITTEE FULLY ENDORSED AD HOC
WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY STATISTICS, AS PROPOSED BY
GROUP OF EXPERTS. GENERALLY APPLAUDED US INITIATIVE
THIS MATTER.

12. REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS INVOLVED NO MAJOR DEVELOP-
MENTS OF INTEREST TO US.

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